Collections
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Please Note:
- If exhibited in a box, the box or container must be able to support the weight of the collections.
- In all grade categories, if the collection is too large or valuable to exhibit, a notebook containing photos and descriptions of your collection can be exhibited in place of the collection. Photo quality will not be judged, but they should be clear, sharp photos. As with the items, the photos should be labeled.

Exhibit requirements are the same for all divisions. Exhibit a representative sample of 20 items or less of your collection using a 22" x 28" poster (refer to Poster Rules on page 19 of this handbook), or in a notebook, displayed attractively. Labels should be attached to each item to explain where and what the item is and when they got it.

All posters, notebooks, and display boards <u>MUST</u> include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

Division 1 (Grades 3, 4, 5)
1. Keep the "Collector's Record" up to date and complete.
2. Each year the collection is exhibited it should show change and growth. The same exhibit may not be used more than one time.

Division 2 (Grades 6, 7, 8)
1. Expand your collection or begin a new collection.
2. Continue the "Collector's Record" or start a new one for new members to this project.
3. Each year the collection is exhibited it should show change and growth. The same exhibit may not be used more than one year.

Division 3 (Grades 9 and up)
1. Expand your collection or begin a new collection.
2. Explore the historical, aesthetic or commercial value of your collection.
3. Continue and expand the "Collector's Record" or start a new one for new members to this project.
4. Each year the collection is exhibited it should show change and growth. The same exhibit may not be used more than one year.
Record sheet required.

Cookie Jar Contest
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All Recipes <u>MUST</u> include a reference indicating where recipe was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit.

Project Purpose: This project has been created to allow for baking creativity and recipe exploration.

Exhibit Requirements:

1. Cookie jar should be clear plastic or glass and no larger than a 2 quart jar.
2. Participants will use one recipe to display 3 homemade cookies (ex. chocolate chip)- no boxed mix recipes allowed
3. Attach to your exhibit:
> A. Name of cookie
> B. 4-H recipe card
> C. Baking Date
4. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked in on Exhibit Hall entry day.

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Alfalfa
Exhibit Requirements:
Two beats from a bale of alfalfa hay; tied and ready for display. Do not put hay in a plastic bag for exhibit.
Must grow at least 1 (one) acre of alfalfa per year.
Attach a label stating the following information:
- **Date planted**
- **Variety**
- **Fertilizer used**
- **Harvest date**

Each member must keep a record of all the work done on their project showing expenses, estimated yield and total value of the crop.
Crop record sheet required.

Corn
General Requirements:
1. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked in on Exhibit Hall entry day.
2. Do the required number of activities as stated in your manual.
3. Follow the poster guidelines as outlined in this handbook.

Beginner Level: (Grades 3-4) Project Completion Recommendations
Plan your project year. Grow a plot of corn. Complete at least **four** of the activities presented.
Complete "Crops Projects Record Sheet" (first page only.)
> **Exhibit Requirements:**
- Make an exhibit from one of the project activities you selected.
- Exhibit one stalk of corn at the fair with a label attached stating:
  1. Date planted.
  2. Variety and maturity of seed.
  3. Fertilizer and liming program.
  4. Herbicide and insecticide program.
  5. Other pertinent information.

Intermediate Level: (Grades 5, 6, 7) Project Completion Recommendations
Plan your project year. Grow a large plot of corn. Complete at least **five** of the activities presented.
Complete "Crops Projects Record Sheet."
> **Exhibit Requirements:**
- Make an exhibit from one of the project activities you selected.
- Exhibit one stalk of corn at the fair with a label attached stating:
  1. Date planted.
  2. Variety and maturity of seed.
  3. Fertilizer and liming program.
  4. Herbicide and insecticide program.
  5. Other pertinent information.

Advanced Level: (Grades 8-12) Project Completion Recommendations
Plan your project year. Grow a large plot of corn. Complete at least **seven** activities presented.
Complete "Crops Projects Record Sheet."
> **Exhibit Requirements:**
- Make an exhibit from one of the project activities you selected.
- Exhibit one stalk of corn at the fair with a label attached stating:
  1. Date planted.
  2. Variety and maturity of seed.
  3. Fertilizer and liming program.
  4. Herbicide and insecticide program.
  5. Other pertinent information.

Small Grains
Project Purpose: To teach and challenge the 4-Her with the basics of small grain production while providing an opportunity to learn life skills, such as time management, planning, budgeting and communicating.
General Requirements:
1. Plant, care for and harvest a small grain crop: Wheat. Oats, Rye, Barley, or Triticale.
2. Do the required number of activities as stated in your project manual.
3. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked in on Exhibit Hall entry day.

Exhibit Requirements:
Beginners Grades 3-5:
1. Do a minimum of three activities each year. You may repeat on activity from the first year using a different grain.
2. Choose your exhibit from the seven options listed in your manual.

Intermediate Requirements Grades 6-8:
1. Do a minimum of four activities each year. You may repeat one activity from earlier years. Do not conduct an activity more than two times with the same grain.
2. Choose your exhibit from the seven options listed in your manual.

Advanced, Grades 9-12:
1. Do a minimum of five activities each year. You may repeat one activity from earlier years. Do not conduct an activity more than two times with the same grain.
2. Choose your exhibit from the seven options listed in your manual.

Soybeans
Project Purpose: To teach and challenge the 4-Her with the basics of field soybean crop production.

General Requirements:
1. Follow the poster guidelines as outlined in this handbook.
2. A completed record sheet for each project must be in y our green record folder and checked in on Exhibit Hall entry day.

Exhibit Requirements:
Division 1, Grades 3-4:
1. Do three of the suggested activities on page 28 of the project manual.
2. Choose and complete one of the exhibit suggestions on page 28 of the project manual.
Division 2, Grades 5-6:
1. Do two of the suggested activities on page 29 of the project manual.
2. Choose and complete one of the exhibit suggestions on page 29 of the project manual.
Division 3, Grades 7-8:
1. Do two of the suggested activities on page 30 f the project manual.
2. Choose and complete one of the exhibit suggestions on page 30 of the project manual.
Division 4, Grades 9-10:
1. Do the activities on page 31 of the project manual.
2. Choose and complete one of the exhibit suggestions on page 31 of the project manual.
Division 5, Advanced, Grades 11-12:
1. Grow at least five acres of soybeans each year, using cultural practices describe in current Agronomy Publications. These are available at your County Extension Office
2. Keep accurate records using the 4-H crops record sheet.
3. Exhibit one peck of soybeans.

Tobacco
Project Purpose: To teach and challenge the 4-Her with basic agronomy skills of burley tobacco production and marketing.

Project Requirements:
1. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked in on Exhibit Hall entry day.
2. 4-Her must grow minimum of 500 lbs. of burley tobacco.
3. A complete record of all work done on project must be kept on 4-H 626 showing expenses, and receipt.
4. Projected net returns for tobacco base year. Use the average sale price of burley tobacco for the previous year to project the gross receipt and net income figure.
5. Extension publication (Kentucky) ID-73 is available to provide support information.
6. Follow recommendations of ID-73 to grow tobacco.
7. Exhibit six stalks of current crop tobacco hung on a tobacco stick at the fair. Attach a tag stating variety, date set and fertilizer used.
8. All plants must be topped when exhibited.

Project Preparation Suggestions: Plants must be previously transplanted tobacco. Cut the stalks the day of the judging even with the ground. Spray lightly to clean mud/dust from leaves, being careful not to bruise or damage the plants. Select plants that are insect and mechanical damage free. A good way to transport to prevent damage is to wrap plants loosely in paper towels or newspaper.

Scrapbooking
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The Scrapbook project allows you to preserve your memories in an organized and creative way. Memories may include family, school, 4-H, etc.

Project Requirements:
1. Do a complete record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked in on Exhibit Hall entry day.
2. Follow project guidelines as outlined in your manual.

Album must include:
- A. Front and back cover with pages firmly attached between the covers.
- B. Pages must be at least 8"x10" in size. (12"x12" is the most common size and will be easier to work with and find materials for.)
- C. Pages must be acid-free, lignin-free, buffered scrapbook pages.
- D. Polypropylene Page Protectors or covers.
- E. Only completed pages will be eligible for judging. All eligible pages should include:
  - *Photos
  - *Journaling (This is required on every page.)
  - *Memorabilia (This is required on at least one page.)
  - *Decorations (stickers and die cuts) (optional for beginners.)
- F. Photos are the focus of your album and must be included on at least half of your page requirements.

Labeling—each scrapbook album will have a label with:
- 4-H member's name
- Club name
- Age
- Grade

Beginner: Grades 3-5
Exhibit: An album with 6 pages (3 pages front and back). Be sure to continue adding 6 pages for grades 4 & 5. Pages must be those made since the last 4-H Fair. Follow guidelines in the manual. Label photos and memorabilia with names, dates, and places, etc. Read rules above.

Intermediate: Grades 6-8
Exhibit: An album with 8 pages (4 pages front and back). Be sure to continue adding 8 pages for grades 7 & 8. Pages must be those made since the last 4-H Fair. Follow guidelines in the manual. Label photos and memorabilia with names, dates, and places, etc. plus capture your memories with captions or words recording the happenings of the photos and memorabilia.

Advanced: Grades 9 & Up
Exhibit: An album with 10 pages (5 pages front and back.) Pages must be those made since the last 4-H Fair. Follow guidelines in the manual. Label photos and memorabilia with names, dates, and places, etc. plus capture your memories with captions or words recording the happenings of the photos and memorabilia. Advanced members will also write your thoughts and feelings and telling a complete story or memory on each page. Not every photo has a complete story, so please choose the ones deserving of this when you are thinking of your page designs. It is okay to put several photos on a page and just use one of them to tell a story. Label or caption the other photos on the page.

Record Sheet Required.